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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners,

My letter concerns **Docket No. E-00000XX-13-0214** about proposed revisions to Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards. I am a TEP rate payer and am concerned about outgoing Commissioner Pierce's proposal to eliminate our state's Energy Efficiency Standards.

I am a beneficiary of an energy efficiency program that came about thanks to the standards. TEP offered a partial rebate for homeowners to seal the ducts in their AC/heating systems. From talking to people who do home energy audits, leaking ducts are a huge problem. Without having ductwork sealed, a ratepayer is paying for electricity to heat or cool air that never makes it into the home. In my case, the leakage was about 20%. Last year I had a company do aerosealing and the leakage was reduced 80%. From keeping track of my kilowatt hour usage every month over the last year, I was able to save the equivalent of one average month's usage. This is like eliminating one month's worth of electricity bills, a big savings for me.

Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards were passed by a unanimous vote of a bipartisan commission headed by Kris Mayes. She has come out and said eliminating the standards would be a huge and unwarranted giveaway of billions of dollars to the utilities at the expense of the ratepayer.

I simply don't understand what benefit Commissioner Pierce thinks would accrue from eliminating the standards. The standards promote energy efficiency, the cheapest form of energy there is. Energy we don't use we don't have to pay for. Since when did being wasteful become a Republican value?

Our Energy Efficiency Standards are a model for the nation. I hope the Commission will demonstrate leadership, foresight, and common sense by rejecting any elimination or watering down of our standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

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